



Senator Elena Parent
Senate District 42



State Senator Elena Parent was elected to the State Senate in 2014. She represents District 42, which includes portions of central and north DeKalb County.

Sen. Parent is the Vice Chair of the Special Judiciary Committee and a member of the Education and Youth, Judiciary and Rules Committees. She has also been appointed to serve on the Georgia Code Revision Commission, the Georgia Public Defender Standards Council, and the Public Defender Council Legislative Oversight Committee.

Sen. Parent formerly served as the Vice Chair of Campaigns and Fundraising for the Senate Democratic Caucus and currently serves as Chairwoman for the Senate Democratic Caucus, as well as a member of the Senate DeKalb Delegation and of the Working Families Legislative Caucus.

Senator Parent previously served as the State Representative for District 81 in DeKalb County in 2011 and 2012. Senator Parent then continued her public service as the Executive Director of Georgia Watch, the state's leading consumer rights non-profit.

Senator Parent began her career as a litigation attorney at Eversheds Sutherland LLP and she is active in her community. Currently, she serves on the Advisory Board for Olmsted Linear Park Association and was appointed in 2020 to serve as an Emory Ambassador, having previously served on the Board of Visitors for Emory University. She is a proud graduate of the University of Virginia and the University of Virginia School of Law.

Senator Parent's awards and recognitions include: Atlanta Business Chronicle's "Who's Who Sustainability" feature for her leadership on energy and environmental policy issues; the Fulton County Daily Report's "On the Rise"; the Atlanta Business Chronicle's "40 Under 40"; ACCG's Legislative Service Award; and the Georgia Association of Women Lawyers' "Leading Lady". In 2019, Senator Parent and her husband were recipients of the Clarence Seeliger Champions for Change Award from the Women's Resource Center to End Domestic Violence.

Senator Parent traces her core beliefs – the importance of family and making the community a better place for all – to her upbringing in the shadow of the U.S. Capitol where her parents stressed the importance of faith and public service.

Senator Parent is married to Briley Brisendine and they are the proud parents of two sons: Brooks, 10, and Reid, 8. They are members of All Saints' Episcopal Church in Atlanta.

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